



## CITY OF ELLISVILLE

1 Weis Avenue

Ellisville, Missouri 63011

Phone: 636/227-9660 • Fax: 636/227-9486

# ANNUAL CHICKEN PERMIT RENEWAL

(ORDINANCE #3060)

ANNUAL FEE: \$10

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

As per Chapter 205 of the Ellisville Municipal Code, an annual permit and fee (\$10) is required to keep chickens within the City. Please review the following regulations and **sign the last page of this letter** to indicate that you have read and agree to adhere to the rules for keeping chickens in Ellisville. **Once completed, mail this letter back to City Hall with your \$10 fee.**

### Permits and Fees

- A. Submit a \$10.00 application fee along with this letter. It is assumed that the location and size of the coop and pen are the same as the previous year and that they continue to comply with all regulations as required (below).
- B. You agree to renew your permit annually prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- C. You agree to periodic inspections of your premise to inspect the chicken coop, chicken pen, and chickens. Additionally, inspections may result from a complaint and/or to verify the presence or removal of the chicken coop, chicken pen, and chickens.

### Number of chickens allowed:

- A. No more than four (4) hens shall be allowed for each single-family dwelling. None shall be allowed in multi-family complexes, including condos and duplexes.
- B. No roosters shall be allowed.
- C. Although hens are not considered pets, up to four (4) hens will count as one (1) animal unit when determining the maximum number of pets allowed as set out in Section 205.060.

### Enclosure/Containment requirements

- A. Not permitted to "run at large".
- B. May not be kept inside the habitable areas of the dwelling.
- C. A coop must be provided with minimum square footage of three (3) square feet per bird. Design and construction of coop is to be reviewed and approved by city staff.
- D. A coop may be kept inside the garage (finished or unfinished), unfinished or non-habitable areas in basement or cellars and non-habitable accessory structures.

- E. Outdoor pen/run must be provided; minimum square footage per bird: ten (10) square feet.
- F. Pen/run may not be located indoors (garage, basement, cellar or accessory structure). It may not be located in the front or side yards.
- G. An outdoor coop and/or pen used exclusively for chickens will not count towards the maximum number of accessory structures allowed.
- H. Coop and outdoor pen/run must be kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times, and must be cleaned regularly so as to prevent offensive odors, insects and disease.

Distance regulations

- A. Outdoor pen/run and coop must be situated a minimum of ten (10) feet from the side and rear property lines.
- B. Notification of neighbor is part of the permit process but support letters are not needed.
- C. Pen and Coop design, materials and screening shall be subject to staff approval for design, materials and location. Appeals to staffs decision may be made to the ARB.

Nuisances

**Section 205.070** Noises and Noxious Odors: It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having charge of any animal to allow such animal to give forth or cause any loud or unusual noise or to cause any ill-smelling, nauseous or obnoxious odors. The owner of said animal causing shall cure, remedy and entirely alleviate the odor or noise within ten (10) days after the service of a notice to do so by any member of the Ellisville Police Department, no punishment shall be assessed or imposed. If the odor or noise is not cured, remedied and entirely alleviated within ten (10) days after notice, the person served shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Section 215.100 Nuisances:**

1. The accumulation upon any lot or the discharge thereof, upon any public street or private property, of stagnant or foul waste, water or liquids of any kind whatsoever; and
4. The keeping of animals upon any public or private premises in such a manner or condition that constitutes a hurt, injury, annoyance or danger to the public or the residents of the vicinity;
5. Placing, causing, keeping, maintaining or permitting trash, garbage, rubbish, junk, decaying vegetable or animal matter, noxious or filthy substances or any kind of waste materials upon any public or private property in such manner and to such extent as to render the same unsightly, unclean or unsafe;
9. Any dog, cat, puppy, kitten or other animal soiling or depositing waste or defecation on urban property, other than the property of a person responsible for the animal, unless such waste is immediately removed by a person responsible for

the animal and deposited in a waste container or buried on ground where the person responsible for the animal has permission or the right to bury it addressing noise, smells, cleanliness, manure/droppings.

Slaughtering restrictions: Any slaughtering of chickens shall not be visible on premises.

Miscellaneous regulations

- A. May not breed chickens for sale or sell any of their bi-products.
- B. Chicken feed must be stored in rat proof containers.
- C. Chickens currently kept shall not be "grandfathered" or permitted to remain after the effective date of this ordinance unless brought into compliance.

I swear and affirm that have read the above rules and agree to adhere to every rule for keeping chickens in Ellisville, MO:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**OR**

If you no longer keep chickens, please sign below and mail the letter back to City Hall:

I swear and affirm that I no longer keep chickens on my property in Ellisville, MO:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Ada Hood, AICP  
City Planner, City of Ellisville  
1 Weis Avenue  
Ellisville, MO 63011  
[ahood@ellisville.mo.us](mailto:ahood@ellisville.mo.us)  
314-799-1162